

## Walberswick Village News Committee

We continued to deliver the Village News to every house in the village and we now send a colour version to 340 email addresses. In 2023 we distributed four loose inserts: for the Horticultural Show, The Village Fete, the Parish Council document about LionLink and the Cancer Research Christmas Fayre.

Sheila has kindly produced a breakdown of the word count in the Village News:

Looking at the main headings, the broad category of Village Life makes up 19%, Parish Council 12%, the Common Lands Charity 11%, Diary Dates 11% and The Church 9%. A new feature is a regular article from the Horticultural Committee to encourage people to grow and make things for the Horticultural and Culinary Show on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

We also sell advertising space, the aim of which is to pay the printing costs rather than to make a profit but over several years a small surplus had accrued and so last May we made a donation of £1,000 to the Air Ambulance.

A great deal of fundraising goes on in Walberswick; we covered village activities supporting a long list of charities including Cancer Research, RNLI, Fuel Bank Foundation, Make a Wish Foundation, St Mungos, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Macmillan Cancer Support, Air Ambulance, Operation Christmas Child and the Friends of St Andrew's Church.

The Village News would not be possible without the hard work of many people:

Sheila Parry our editor, Kate Goodchild the treasurer, Penny Fox our advertising manger, Elaine Heeler the distribution manager and our committee members Rebecca Whiting, Pat Lancaster and Julia Sowerbutts.

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